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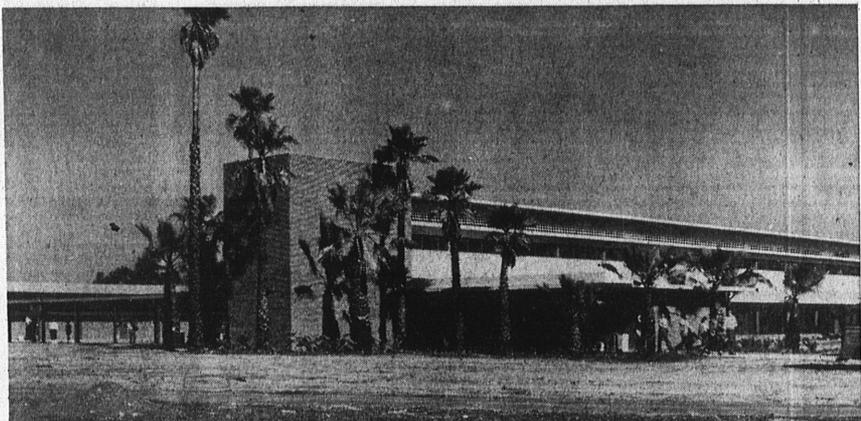
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SALUTE TO SCHOOLS . . . The Torrance Herald today salutes the hundreds of school teachers and the thousands of students who will be returning to schools in this area

next week. Shown here is one of the new buildings at El Camino College. Like Torrance schools, El Camino is expecting a record enrollment this fall.

Building for Year Passes 1951 Totals

Construction in Torrance continued to skyrocket toward a record total last month as a total of \$815,962 was added to bring the year's total to \$12,932,216.

The total for the first eight months of 1952 is \$126,402 over the total of all of 1951, and only \$3,203,969 short of the 1950 record total of \$16,009,783.

Largest contribution to the building totals in August as well as for the year is the construction of new homes, most of them single family dwellings.

Industry Expands

Several industrial expansions have added to the total, according to city officials. Largest expansion was the addition of an administrative, engineering building to the General Petroleum Refinery recently which was valued at \$650,000. The building is now under construction and will be completed in about two months.

Prospects for a record breaking year are almost certain, according to James B. Dresser, city building inspector, and John Patrick, acting city engineer.

Both predicted yesterday that home construction during September and October would top anything seen here in recent months.

More Homes Due

On tap for early construction are at least 172 more homes for the January Co. at Crenshaw and Highway 101, and there is a possibility that even more may be built this fall, officials say.

Several hundred more homes are still being planned for the West Sepulveda area by Truman Browne this year, and other builders have indicated that they are planning to build or are seeking to prepare sites for hundreds of additional homes.



BEAT THE HEAT . . . When the heat soars to a blistering 90 degrees, what's better than to suck on a nice cool ice cube, especially when you're surrounded with 10 or 20 giant-sized ones as is pretty Jeanne Whitten. It's a pleasant way to spend the hot afternoon, but we wouldn't want to see Jeanne stay in the refrigerator all of the time; she might melt the ice.

Today's Herald Full of School Shopping Ideas

Today's issue of the Torrance Herald is crammed with "Back to School" bargains featured this week by Torrance merchants.

A special 12-page section, with Back to School bargains grouped together with interesting data concerning schools, is included in this issue to make those shopping trips easier.

Torrance merchants are featuring the latest styles for school at easy-on-the-purse prices. Check the section for your school needs now.

District Hires Five

The following persons were hired as classified personnel by Torrance Unified School District Tuesday night.

Elias Biller, custodian; Jack Garland, bus-driver; Betty Harrison, clerk-stenographer; and Genevieve Storkson, clerk-stenographer.

Shortest Route Not Always as The Crow Flies

Did you ever ask someone how far it was from such-and-such to whatchamacallit and have them reply: "It's about so many miles as the crow flies?" Actually your direction-giver was all wet. If you've ever watched a crow fly you see that they invariably fly anything but a straight course. So it would be more correct to refer to the shortest and quickest route from one point to another as a "bee-line." Of course, the quickest and most effective way to reach into the homes of thousands of prospective buyers in this area is make a bee-line for your phone, call Torrance 444 and place a fast-acting little Want Ad for prompt sales results like this:

FURNISHED cottage, garage and utilities, \$40. Adults, 22024 Main, Torrance, Terminal 4-0293

Mrs. D. B. Bristow, 22024 S. Main says: "I received over 25 calls and rented my cottage to the third party I talked to. The results from the Torrance Herald were wonderful." Phone in your action ad now. Just call Torrance 444.



HOME AGAIN . . . Don Townsend, who has been confined to Harbor General Hospital with serious injuries since Aug. 7, returned to his home and family at 20951 Brighton Ave. Tuesday evening. Don is planted in a hospital bed in front of the living room window where he will spend at least the next six weeks. His wife, Betty, will look after him.

Holdup Tip Backfires; Yegs Hit Wrong Service Station

A hot tip, a call to police off to a robbery which supposedly was being planned. Victim in the job was to be the Camino station, Crenshaw and Redondo Blvds., attendant Jerry Peckham told officers.

A car was staked out, but no holdup was attempted. Late yesterday, a young couple drove in at Eddie's and a heavy-set, Levi-clad male ordered attendant Mary Burgueno, 18, to open the cash drawer. When she refused, he rifled the register. Some \$200 in bills was overlooked. The same suspect earlier in the morning had driven a motorcycle into the station, purchased some gas, and asked the

manager to give him a hand in starting the cold cycle.

TEAC to Tour New HS Buildings September 8

A tour of the new high school buildings will follow the presentation of the Annual Report at a meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee scheduled for noon, September 8. Those planning to attend the luncheon which will be served in the YWCA building are urged to contact the office of the superintendent of schools to make reservations, according to Mrs. Grace Wright, moderator of the TEAC.



VERNON SHEBLAK
... Joins School Staff

Adult Education Director Joins School District

Joining the Torrance Unified School District Sept. 1 as director of the adult school of education was Vernon Sheblak, formerly in charge of adult education in the Fresno County Schools.

Already busy preparing for his first classes here during the week of Sept. 22, Sheblak started the ball rolling by announcing that a knitting class will be offered this fall for the first time.

The new director succeeds Donald Manashaw who resigned recently to accept a post with the Air Force.

Prior to joining the Fresno County school system, Sheblak spent five years in the State Department of Education where he was a special supervisor in the bureau of business education.

He is preparing a schedule of classes for the fall term and will release the schedule as soon as it is completed, he said.

TUSD May Hold School Payment

Indication that the Torrance Unified School District would withhold final payment of architect fees for the Torrance High School was evident Tuesday night as Emmett Ingram, school's business manager, said several major problems exist in parts of two new buildings.

The roof on the new gymnasium has failed to seat properly and contractors and subcontractors have not taken proper protective measures, Ingram told the Board of Education.

Also, air-condition blowers in the gym are so noisy as to prevent normal conversation, he reported. Refrigeration problems also have arisen in the new cafeteria unit, it was indicated.



JOANNE BOSS
... Claimed by Death

Recent THS Grad Dies Following Lengthy Illness

Friends, relatives, and members of the 1951 Torrance High School senior class will pay final tribute Saturday to 17-year-old Joanne Boss, who died early Monday morning in Los Angeles following an extended illness.

A member of the 1951 graduating class at Torrance High, Joanne succumbed to a disease which struck her nearly two years ago, members of her family report.

A vivacious, popular student at Torrance High, few of her classmates knew of her illness. Final services will be held at the Stone and Myers Chapel at 10 a.m. Monday. Rev. C. M. Northrup, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Torrance, will officiate.

Six of her schoolmates will serve as pallbearers for the services Saturday. They are James Johnson, Tom Long, Art Sues, Burt Smith, Louis Valencia, and Don Babbitt.

She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gamby P. Boss, and one brother, Robert, of the family home at 101 Via El Chico, Hollywood Riviera. Interment will be in Inglewood Cemetery.

Police Patrol Roads

No Highway Deaths Over 3-Day Holiday

Rigid enforcement of traffic laws by police and a "want to be alive" attitude held by motorists were listed as main factors for the no-death holiday recorded by Torrance police and the local office of the California Highway Patrol.

Although police were called to investigate many accidents, several serious, the area's death toll was not increased.

Three traffic cars were detailed by the Torrance Department to patrol busy Pacific Coast Hwy. during the peak hours, and a record-number of drivers were stopped for speeding and other violations.

Injured in a post-holiday head-on crash on Hawthorne Blvd. near 190th St. Tuesday morning were Stanley Watts, 19, of 4069 Bluff St., Walteria, and Robert E. Wiley, 22, of Wilmington.

Both Seriously Hurt

Traffic officer H. G. Trezise reported Watts apparently crossed the double-white line to pass a truck and collided with the other auto. Both received serious hurts. Watts suffered a possible skull fracture.

Wiley was listed as "critical at Harbor General Hospital.

Watts was cited for allegedly failing to stay on the right side of the highway.

A pedestrian, Lawrence Bailey, injured goods.

Garden Goods Taken

A garden-minded thief swiped a lawnmower and 50 feet of garden hose from a yard at 1917 Border Ave., Albert Carter reported to Torrance police. He set a value of \$31 on the missing goods.